# GI BILL PROGRAMS

Eligibility for GI Bill educational benefits can be extended to veterans, members of the Selected Reserves or National Guard; and children or spouses of service-connected deceased or totally and permanently disabled veterans under one of the following programs. Specific questions on eligibility should be directed to the Department of Veterans Affairs at the toll free number listed below.

# **Montgomery GI Bill - Chapter 30**

Generally, for individuals who entered active duty after July, 1985, and participated in the pay reduction program (pay reduced \$100 a month for 12 months) and served honorably for two years or more are eligible. Veterans or service persons cannot withdraw money paid into the fund.

### Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Program - Chapter 31

This program is available to certain veterans who have a service-connected disability of 10 percent or greater. It provides a monthly stipend and also covers the cost of tuition, books and supplies. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP) - Chapter 32

Individuals who entered active duty service between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985, who served a continuous period of 181 days or more and contributed financially toward the education program are eligible. Monthly benefits are determined by adding the amount of personal contributions and DOD contributions made during the years of active service.

# **GI Bill for Dependent - Chapter 35**

A child or spouse of a service-connected deceased or 100 percent disabled veteran may be eligible for VA educational benefits. Benefits may be used until the dependent has reached the age of 27 or 8 years from the date that eligibility is determined, whichever is later.

# Montgomery GI Bill for Reservists - Chapter 1606

An individual who enlisted, re-enlisted, or extended an enlistment in the Selected Reserve or National Guard for a period of 6 years after July 1, 1985, and has completed the initial active duty training may be eligible for VA benefits. This program does not require a contribution by the reservist or guardsman.

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